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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ARAI et al

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Serial No.: 10/790,180

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For: Method Of Detecting Particles And A Processing
Apparatus Using The Same

Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: R. Zervigon

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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December 14, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2006, in which the period for response was reset in accordance with the Interview Summary and the mailing thereof by the Communication dated July 14, 2006. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.